

draws us a radiating figure, from which they equally project (*Zur Stammgeschichte der Papilioniden*, p. 492). Such progeny, so dissimilar in essentials, cannot have had a common womb. But when we examine the pale Parnassian from northern meadows, and the black and gold Ornithopteron from openings in the tropical forest, then the short anal vein on their fore wings reveals in both cases the blood of the Papilionides, the proof of common descent and of a separate origin from the Pierids and the rest of the butterflies. It is Dr. Spuler (*l. c.*) who derives *Ornithoptera* from Papiliolike forms, so that I am totally at variance with this author in my views as to the classification and phylogeny of the Papilionides. While Dr. Spuler regards *Ornithoptera* as an end form, terminating a Papilionid branchlet, I consider it to represent an initial type coming nearer to the primitive form of the diurnal Papilionides.

I have been thus explicit in order to give clearly the radical points of distinction between the classification of the diurnals by any other author and my own.

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*Stated Meeting, October 20, 1899.*

Vice-President SELLERS in the Chair.

Present, 22 members.

Newly elected members, Mr. Stuart Wood, Dr. Arthur V. Meigs and Prof. Remington, were presented to the Chair and took their seats in the Society.

The decease of the following members was announced :

Prof. Edward Orton, of Columbus, O., October 17, 1899, and Prof. Don Mariano Barcena, of the City of Mexico.

Mr. Henry Carey Baird read an obituary notice of the late Col. Alexander Biddle.

Proceedings of Officers and Council were submitted.

Pending nominations for membership having been read, the Society proceeded to an election.

The Curators presented the completed bound volumes of the Curators' Record of Donations, with Index; also, the bound volume of the Curators' Catalogue of Portraits and Busts.

The Tellers reported the election of the following gentlemen as members of the Society :

Prof. William Morris Davis, of Cambridge, Mass.

Russell W. Davenport, of South Bethlehem, Pa.

Mr. Frank Miles Day, of Philadelphia.

The Society was then adjourned by the presiding officer.

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*Stated Meeting, November 3, 1899.*

Vice-President SELLERS in the Chair.

Present, 13 members.

Prof. William A. Lamberton, Mr. Charles E. Dana, and Prof. Marion D. Learned, newly elected members, were presented to the Chair, and took their seats in the Society.

Letters were read from Mr. Frank Miles Day, Prof. William Morris Davis and Mr. John Cadwalader, accepting membership.

From the President, announcing the appointment of Prof. Albert H. Smyth to prepare an obituary notice of the late Dr. Daniel G. Brinton, and from Prof. Smyth, accepting the appointment.

On motion of Dr. Morris, it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to arrange for a meeting in memory of the late Dr. Daniel G. Brinton, and that invitations be authorized to be extended to the learned societies to which Dr. Brinton belonged to participate in the same. The Chair subsequently appointed as the Committee Dr. Morris, Prof. Smyth, Mr. Culin, Mr. Burk and Dr. W. H. Greene.

The list of donations to the Library was laid upon the table, and thanks were ordered therefor.

The decease of the following members was announced :

Prof. Heinrich Kiepert, of Berlin, on April 21, 1899.

Prof. George Rawlinson, Canon of Canterbury.

Prof. George F. Barker presented a report as the delegate of the Society to the Stokes Jubilee at Cambridge, Eng.

Dr. Cleemann moved that translations of papers that have been published already in another language are not eligible for the *Transactions* or *Proceedings*. Adopted.

The Society was then adjourned by the presiding officer.